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ARTICLES TO BE ENQUIRED OF WITHIN THE Dioces of LONDON,

IN THE FIRST GENERAL
Visitation of the Right Reuerend

Father in GOD, WILLIAM
Lord Bishop of LONDON.

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The Oath to bee ministred to the Church-wardens and Sworne-men.



OU shall swear that you and every of you shall diligently enquire of the Articles giuen you in charge; and without any affection, fauour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of displeasure, or malice of any person, you shall present all and euery such person and persons that now is, or of late was within your parish, as hath committed any incest, adulterie, fornication, or symony, and any misdemeanour or disturbances committed or made in any Church or Chappell, in time of common Prayer, Preaching, or diuine seruice there vsed, to the disturbance thereof: and also that haue committed or done any other offence, fault, or default, presentable in the Ecclesiasticall court, according to the Articles now deliuerced to you. Wherein you shall deale vprightly and according to truth, neither of malice presenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceale the truth: hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine the truth, and suppresse vice. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

The charge of the Churchwardens and Sworne-men set downe for the better performance of their duties, and discharge of their Oathes



HEY are not to bring in any Bills vnto the Arch-deacons Courts vpon the Articles to be enquired of in their Visitation, by reason of my Lords Visitation, but onely now during the said Visitation, to make their presentments vpon these Articles. They are therefore charged, that after their Oath taken, and their returne home, they doe require their Minister to read ouer both the booke of Canons or Constitutions set forth by his Maiestie, in the Conuocation holden in the yeere of our Lord God 1604. and also these Articles vnto them, and to consider of euery particular Article, and of the offences by them to be presented, as also of such persons in their parish as shall be noted to offend in the same: and so the Churchwardens and Sidemen assembling themselves together within some conuenient time, are to make their bill answering every Article by it selfe, before the time hereafter appointed them, which bill shall be signed with the hands of all the Churchwardens and Sidemen, with conference had with their Minister vpon the said bill of presentment, who according to the 26. Canon, is to see that the said Churchwardens do their duties in presenting, vpon the penalty in the 26. Canon prescribed. These Bills for their better ease, and sauing of trauell and charges, shall be brought by one of the Churchwardens vpon the day next

Articles to be enquired of within the Dioces of
London, in the Visitation to bee holden in the
yeere of our Lord 1628.

Concerning the Clergie.



Nprimis, Whether doth your Minister, before
or after his sermons vse to pray for the Kings
Majestie, King Charles, Queen Mary, Frede-
ricke the Prince Elector Palatine, and the La-
dy Elizabeth his wife, and all their Princely
Progenie, giving vnto the King such stile
and title of supreme Gouvernor in all causes,
and ouer all persons, aswell Ecclesiasticall as
Tempozall, as by Law are due vnto him?

And also for all Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall per-
sons?

2 Whether is the prescript forme of Divine Seruice vsed by your
Minister vpon Sundayes, Holydaies, and other daies appointed by the
Booke of Common Prayer, at fit and vsuall houres? And whether doth
your Minister duly obserue all the Orderrs, Rites, and Ceremonies
prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, without omission or
addition, as well in reading publike prayers and the Psalms, as also in
administiring the Sacraments in such maner and forme, as by the Law
now establisched is inioyned?

3 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion
so often, and at such times, as that every Parishioner may receiue the
same at least thrice in every yéere, whereof once at Easter?

4 Whether doth your minister receive the same himselfe on every
day that he administreth it to others, knæling at the same, and admini-
streh it to none but such as do kneele at the receiving therof, and vse the
words of the institution according to the Booke at every time that the
Bread or Wine is received, in such manner and forme as by Law is
appointed, and causeth sufficient warning thereof to bee giuen before?
And doth he deliuere the Bread and Wine to every Communicant seve-
rally?

5 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of the Lords
Supper, Baptisme, Instruction of children, Solemnization of Matri-

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mony, Visitation of the sick, Buriall of the dead, the Communion and Churching of women, vnder such words, rites and ceremonies as are set forth & prescribed by the said booke of Common prayer and no other?

6 Whether hath your Minister rejected any from the Communion, who were not by publike presentment, or other open scandall, infamous and detected of some notorious crime by common fame, or vehement suspicion knowne in the Parish?

7 Whether hath your Minister received people of other Parishes to his Church to the Communion and divine service; And whether his Parishioners haue gone to other Churches and places to heare Service or receive the Sacrament? If yea, then you shall present every offender herein.

8 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and Sidemen presented unto my Lord Bishop or his Chanceler within forty dayes after Easter, the names of all the Parishioners, aswell men as women, which being aboue sixteene yeeres of age received not the Communion, at, or about Easter before, according to the 112. Canon? If not, you shall present whether that presentment should haue beene brought in by your selues, or your predecessors; and specifie the names of every one that should haue made such presentment for Easter last past:

9 Whether doth your Minister use to signe the Children with the signe of the Crosse vpon the Childrens foreheades when they are baptiz'd, according to the booke of Common prayer? And whether he hath defauor'd or wilfully refused to baptize any Infant in his Parish being minister, haing beene duly informed of the weaknesse thereof? And whether the child hath dyed by his default without baptism? And hath he baptiz'd any children that were not borne in the Parish?

10 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he beene absent? And where is he resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he? And doth he in his absence make allowance for the poore?

11 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, preach vsually in his owne Curte with you once every Sunday, or how hath hee beene negligent in that behalfe?

12 Whether is your Minister Preacher allowed? If yea, then by whom? if no, whether doth he procure Sermons to bee preached among you once in euery moneth at the least; by such as are lawfully licenced, or doth contribute towards a licenced Preacher?

13 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice? and whether

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both hee supply his absence by a Curate that is sufficiently licenced to preach in that Cure whereon he himselfe is not resident? or otherwise in case he doth not finde a preaching minister there, by reason of the smalnes thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices vsually himselfe?

14 Whether is your Curate licenced to serue by the Bishop of this Dioces, or his Chancelloz? and whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one? If yea, then what other Cure doth he also serue?

15 If your Minister be not licenced to preach as aforesaid, whether doth he read Homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon? And doth he or his Curate read an Homily every Sunday, or some part thereof, when there is no Sermon?

16 Whether hath any person beene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell but such as you haue well knowne to be licenced whom haue you so admitted? You shall present their names, and how often haue any such beene admitted to preach, and by whose procurement?

17 Whether haue you caused every strange Preacher licenced or not licenced, to subscribe his name, according to the 50. and 52. Canons? And if he were licenced, then by whom was he licenced?

18 Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher read diuine Service, and minister the Sacraments in his owne person twice every yere, observing all the Ceremonies in the Booke of Common Praier established? And doth any man read a Lecture in your Church that is beneficed out of the Dioces, or if he be beneficed in the Dioces, is he by that Lecture kept from his Cure: or hath he no benefice at all?

19 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilke he is saying the publike prayers and administering the Sacraments, and a hood according to his degree of the Universitie?

20 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holy-day before Euening prayer for halfe an houre or moze, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your parish, in the ten Commandments, the Articles of Belief, and in the Lords Prayer?

21 Whether hath your Minister without licence from the Bishop of the Dioces, or his Chancelloz, solemnized Marriage betwixt any parties, of the Wanes not being thre severall Sundayes or Holy dayes first published in time of diuine Service, in the severall Churches or Chapells of their several abodes, according to the booke of Common praier: or without licence in time prohibited, albeit the Wanes were so publi-

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shed? Or at any time except betwirt the houres of eight and twelve in the soorenone? And if any haue beene otherwise married or licenced to be married by any authority other then aforesaid, especially since the last triennall Visitation by any of our Commissaries, Archdeacons or their Officials, you shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, andt he Authority whereby this was done.

22 Whether doth your Minister vpon sundays at Morning praier declare vnto the Parishioners what Holy dayes and fasting daies are appointed to be kept the weeke following?

23 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by law? And in the same perambulation moue the people to giue thankes to God for his benefites, vsing such Psalmes, Prayers and Homilies as are to that end set forth?

24 Whether doth any man (being neither Minister nor Deacon) read Common Prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or vse any other Ministeriall duty in the Church that belongeth to a Minister or Deacon, and what is his name that so doth or hath so done?

25 Whether doth your Minister every six moneths denounce in his parish all such of his parishas doe persone in the sentence of Excommunication? And whether hath he admitted any person Excommunicate, into the Church, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary? And hath he stayed or forborne to denounce any Excommunication or suspension that hath beeene sent vnto him?

26 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance to conserue with, and thereby to reclame the Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors? And whether they or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister?

27 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate, too much frequent, or overmuch conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in his Religion?

28 Whether hath your Minister, or any other taking vpon him the place of a Minister, Preached, Baptized children (vnlesse in case of necessity) solemnized Marriage, Churched any women, or ministred the holy Communion in any house or houses? If yea, then where? When? and how often hath he so offended in any of the premises?

29 Whether, when any person hath beene dangerously sicke in your Parish, your Minister (having knowledge thereof) hath not resorted to every of them, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according

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to the manner and forme appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer? And whether when any Parishioner hath bene passing out of this life, your Minister hath slacked to do his last duty in that behalfe?

30 Whether your Minister hath at any time refused or delayed to bury any corps that hath bene brought to the Church or Church-yard convenient warning having bene given to him thereof before, in such manner and forme as is prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer? And hath he buried any in Christian buriall, which ought not to bee so interred?

31 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoint any publicke or private Fests, Preaching or Lecturing, not approued and establisched by law or publike authority? Or hath hee attempted vpon any pretence, either of possession or obsession, by fasting and praier to cast out Diuels.

32 Whether your Minister vseth buying and selling, or trading, or to hedge, ditch, or goe to plough, or hath solicited other mens suites for gaine, or imployed himselfe about other such businesse not besemming or fittting his calling?

33 Whether doe you know in your Parish any, that having heretofore taken vpon him or them the order of Priesthood, or of a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation liueth idly, a drake, vseth no Cure, nor preacheth as a Lecturer authorized in any one church place? If yea, then you shall present his name and the place of his abode.

34 Whether is your Minister reputed to be an incontinent person, or to keape in his house, or frequent the company of any man or woman that are suspected either to be of euill religion or bad life? Or whether is he a common haunter of Taverns, Alehouses, or any suspected place? Or whether doth he board or lodge in any of them? Or is a common Gamester, or player at Dice, Cards, Tables, or other unlawfull games? A common Swearer, a Drunkard, or one that applyeth not himselfe in his Studie, or faulter in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiastical censures, whereby hee is offensive and scandalous to his Function or Ministry?

35 Whether doth your Minister use the forme of thanksgiving to women after their Childbirth? Or hath he admitted any woman begotten with child in Adultery, to bee churched, either publickely or privately, without licence from the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chancellor?

36 Whether doth your Minister baptize any children in any Baron-

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son or other vessell then in the Ordinariis Font, being placed in the Church, or doth put any Basin into it?

37 Whether your Minister or any other that hath taken holy Orders now licenced or suspended, or other person or persons, either of the Ministry or Laity, within or neare your Parish of your knowledge or as you haue heard, hath bene at, or vse to meeete in any Barnes, Fields, Woods, private house or houses, and held priuate conuenticles or meetings, either in your Parish or in any other Parish? And whether hath your Minister or any other publikely or priuately preached or spoken in derogation of the booke of Common Prayer, or in any thing depraued the same, or against the present estate of the Ecclesiasticall gouernement established by authority, affirming the same to be unlawfull, Popish or Antichristian?

38 Whether at any such meeting doe they or any of them preach, conserue, or agree vpon any priuate orders for Divine seruice, Prayers, Preaching, or expounding the Scriptures, or vse any other Prayers, Preaching, or forme of Divine Service, then such as is in the Booke of Common Prayer, and by the Lawes established appointed, or by drawers or persuaders of others to any such schismatical con-

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Concerning the Church.

VVether haue you in your severall Churches and Chappells the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappel one parchment Register Booke, prouided for Christnings, Marriages, and Burials? And whether is the same duly and exactly kept according to the Constitutions in that behalfe prouided? And is the mothers christen name therin registred

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Chambers, without the presence of the sworne Register, or his Deputy, or hath discharged any mans penance for money, without the consent of the Lord Bishop, according to the Constitutions, or doe send any writing vnder their owne hands to your Church, without the Registers presence at the doing of it, either for Marriage of any couples, or for enning or ordering of any matter or penance?

4 Whether hath any Commissary, Archdeacon, Officiall, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction within this Dioces, or any Register, Apparator, or Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacted extraordinary or greater fees than heretofore of late hath beene accustomed? And whether is there a Table of the rates of all fees set vp in their severall Courts and Offices? Or whether they or any of them haue any way abused themselves in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that case prouided?

5 Whether any Commissary, Archdeacon, or Officiall, hath, or doth commute or change any penance or corporall punishment for any money, and what money such Commissary, Archdeacon, or Officiall, hath received and of whom: when and what the offence was, for which any such sum of money was received or appointed to be paid, and set downe the particulars of the premisses, and what Court any of them haue kept since the first day of July last past, vpon what daies, and in what Church and place?

6 What number of Apparatores hath every severall Judge Ecclesiastical: and wherein, and in what manner is the Countrey overburdened and grieved by the said Apparatores? And whether doth any of the said Apparatores cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts without first a presentment or citation obtained from the Judge of the Court?

Concerning Scholemasters.

VWhether the Scholemaster or Scholemasters within your Parish, openly, or priuately in any Noble or Gentlemans house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion, life and conuersation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth: and whether they haue beene examined, allowed and licenced for Scholemasters, by the Lord Bishop of London, or his Chancellor: And how many severall Scholemasters haue you, and what be their names?

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- 2 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters do themselves receive the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe: and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction to receive the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell, once every yeere, and be diligent to heare common Prayer?
- 3 Whether the Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, either private or publike, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publike authority, at the least once every wike, and doe instruct and examine them in the same, or doe teach any other Catechisme: and what Catechisme is it that they doe so teach?
- 4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to reade vnto their Schollers privately any unlawfull Bookes; or privately to instruct them in their young yeeres, either in Poperie, Superstition, or disobedience, or contempt of his Maiestie, and his lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publike authority allowed?
- 5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them, under pretence of Catechizing their Schollers, which is a most godly and carefullly by them to be obserued, doe keepe Lectures, readings or assemblies of Divinity in their houses, having repaire vnto them of people, not being of their owne family and household?
- 6 What Rectors, Pupils are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them, or any other beare any Schoolemaster in their house which commeth not to Church vnto the Divine Service, and receive the Communion in churche? which if he do, he hath taught.
- 7 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammar then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammat, set forth by the Authority of King Henrie the Eighth, teaching the prescript forme thereof?
- 8 Whether are your Schoolemastes diligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme, and in the Religion, and in bringing them to the Church to hear the Word of God, and the Sermons.

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Concerning Parish Clerks.

VWhether haue you a fit Parish Clerke, aged twenty yeeres at least, of honest conuersation, and sufficient for reading and writing? and whether he be paid his wages without fraud, according to the most ancient customs of your Parish? If not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied? and whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom? And whether he hath presumed to take vpon him the execution of the said place or Clerkeship, before he hath taken the oath of supremacy before the Lord Bishop of London or his Chancellor, and hath his approbation from the said Lord Bishop or his Chancellor?

2 Is he diligent in his office, and serviceable to the Minister, doth he take vpon him to meddle with any thing aboue his office, as Churching of women, burying the dead, or such like?

3 Is the Church cleane kept, the doores lockt at fit times? Is any thing lost or spoiled in the Church, and are the Communion Table, Font, Booke, and ornaments of the Church kept faire and cleane?

Touching Churchwardens and Sidemen, and other Church Officers.

VWhether the Churchwardens and Sidemen doe euery Sunday and Holy-day diligently search who absenteth himselfe or her selfe from Church, and whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Churchporch or Church-yard in the time of Common Prayer or Sermons? And you shall present such as haue bee or shall be found to bee absent?

2 Whether the Churchwardens and Sidemen, or any of them haue (for money, reward, fauour, or affection) forbidding to present any that were or bee negligent in comming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroad, either in the Churchyard or Streetes, in the time of Common prayer or Sermons on the Sabbath day or holy dayes, or any that did not receive the Communion yeerely at the feast of Easter, or within some convenient time after?

3 Whether the Churchwardens doe prouide against every Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine for the number of the Communicants that shall receive, and that to bee brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Pewter, or other pure mettall?

Concerning Parishioners, &c.

4 Have you admitted any to preach within your Church or Chappell which was not sufficiently licenced, and how often? And have you with your minister taken diligent care that no strangers doe usually come to your Church from their owne parish?

5 Whether haue you or your predecessours Churchwardens there, suffered, since the last Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Churchales, Drinkings, Musters, and shewing of Armes, or any other prophane usages to bee kept in your Church, Chappell, or Churchyard? Were you chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners?

6 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens and parish Clerke or Clerkes, taken care that all excommunicated persons be duely published in the Church, as the law requires? And likewise had care that no excommunicated persons be admitted to the Communion, nor suffered to be present at diuine service and publike prayers in your Church? you shall truly present every one that hath neglected this duty, or beene slacke therein.

7 Whether the Churchwardens at the end of their yeare, give vp in writing a iust account before the Minister and Parishioners, of their receipts and disbursements, and deliver the residue by Bill indented to the next Churchwardens? And whether at any time heretofore the Churchwardens, or the Ministers, or the Parishioners, or any of them to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, haue with-held, or detained in their custody, or haue sold, wasted, spent, or otherwise alienated any Lead, Bells, or Bell-mettall, or other of the Church goods or stocke of money? and let them specifie their names, and the value and quantite of such things as were so sold, made away, or detained, and how long since?

Concerning Parishioners, and others of the Laitie.

VV^Ether any in your Parish, or elsewhere neare about the same, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed, that the King hath not the same Authority in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings & Christian Emperors had in the Primitive Church? or that haue impeached or gainsaid his Royall Supremacy?

2 Whether doe you know, or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish that despise the Christian Religion, and namely as it is established

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shed by publike authority, and professed within the Church of England? And whether hath any person, as you haue heard, affirmed that the Church of England is not a true Catholike and orthodoxe Church, and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike Faith, and doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Whether any haue said or affirmed, that any thing in the booke of Common Prayer, or in the booke of Articles set forth by the Conuocation Auno Domini. 1562. Or any of the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, in or by the same appointed, are corrupt, wicked, Antichristian, superstitious, unlawful, or repugnant to the Scriptures? or that any of the said Articles may not with a good conscience be subscribed vnto, or any of the said ceremonies may not with a good conscience be approued, vsed, or subscribed vnto?

4 Are there any that doe not reverently behane themselves during the time of Divine Service, devoutly kneeling when the generall Confession of sins, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all prayers and Collects are read, and vsing all due and lowly reverence when the blessed name of the Lord Jesus Christ is mentioned, and standing vp, when the Articles of the Beliese are read, or which doe couer their heads in the Church during the time of diuine service, vnlesse it be in case of necessitie, in which case they may vsle a nightcap?

5 Whether haue any affirmed, preached, or taught, that the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is repugnant, or not agreeable to the Word of God: Or that the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons so made, are not to be accepted for Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, or ought to bee ordained in any other forme? Or that the gouernment of the Church by Archbishops, Bishops or others that beare any Office therin, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the Word of God?

6 Whether any person haue lurked or tippled in Taverns, or Ale-houses on Sundaises, or other Holidaies, or vsed his or their manuell Craft, Trade, or Mystery, or any bodily labour, or kept their shops open vpon the said dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of Divine Service, or suffered his or their servants to sell any wares or victuals in that time, or to offend in any of the premises?

7 Whether are there any in your parish, that (since the Lord Bishop of London his last Visitation) haue or doe prophane the Lords Day, called Sunday, or other Holy-day, contrary to the orders of the Church of England, in that behalfe prescribed, which hath not heretofore bene openly

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openly punished for the same, and what be their names?

8 Whether hath any person in your parish brawled, quarrelled or striken, or used any violence unto, or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church or Churchyard, or used himself disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaviour?

9 Whether have any in your parish been Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne children? Or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers have used, or doe use any other forme, answer or speech in Baptisme, then is in the Booke of Common prayer appointed? Or doe give the children baptized any name absurd, or inconuenient for so holy an action? Or whether any which have not communicated, be admitted to be Godfathers or Godmothers, contrary to the Law?

10 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doe refuse to have their children baptized, or themselues to receive the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? you shall present their names.

11 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses, cause their Children, Servants, and Apprentices to come to the Catechisme upon the Sundayes and holy-dayes, before Euening prayer, to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein? And those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

12 How many Inhabitants within your Parish, Men or Women abone the age of sixtene yeres, doe refuse to frequent divine Service established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receive the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or comming to Church, doe depart before the end of divine Service or sermon, what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of each sort.

13 Whether doe any of the inhabitants within your said parish entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent divine Service, or receive the holy Communion, as aforesaid? what be their names, and of what quality or condition are they?

14 Whether any of the said Popish Recusants bee of insolent behaviour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselves in seducing, or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their own families, by instructing their Children in Popish Religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as

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concurre with them in opinion of Religion, and what be their names that so doe?

15 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from divine Service, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether any long time, or onely since his Maiesties Reigne, and how long?

16 Whether there be any popish Recusants married: the child of any Recusant christned, or any Recusant buried within your Parish, by any other then the Minister of the Parish, where, when, and by whom, and what certificate you haue received thereof? or whether the child of any Recusant remaine unbaptized abone one month, or be not baptizid in the Parish Church?

17 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come to Church are brought vp, vnder what Scholemaster or Tutor, where, and in what schoole or place, what those childrens names are, how long their Parents haue bene married, by whom, when and in what place, and by what authority were they married, and what Certificate you haue received of their marriage?

18 What persons aforesaid within your parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, doe remaine excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause? and how long haue they so stood excommunicated? And whether any doe familiarly vs the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicate, knowing the same: and what be their names?

19 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of fiftene yeares vsually resort to heare Divine Service vpon Sundayes and Holy daies approued? and whether hath each one of your parishioners (being aboue the age of 16. yeares as aforesaid) received the holy Communion thrice this last yeare, chiefly once at Easter in your Parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their names, which haue not so done.

20 Whether haue any in your Parish bene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by law, and expressed in a certaine table published by authority in Anno 1563? If yea, then you shall present their names. And whether haue you the said Table publikely set vp in your Church, and fastned to some conuenient place?

21 Whether doth any heretofore divorced or married and not divorced, keepe company at bed and boord as man and wife with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married unto, and what be their names? If the parties, now so living together, say

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that they be married: when & where were they married, and how long have they so continued together?

22 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge or by common fame and report any which haue committed adultery, fornication, incest, or any bawdes, harbores, or receivers of such persons, or vehemently suspected thereof, which haue not beeþe publicly punished to your knowledge? If yea, then specifie the names of them all.

23 Whether haue you any in your parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspition, reputed and taken to be common drunks, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and usuall swearer, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord among their neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages, Winters, contrary to the Statute made in the 37^e yeare of King Henry the 8^e, or Symoniacall persons? you shall not faile to present their names.

24 Whether haue any in your Parish received or harbored any woman with child, that was not before a householder in your Parish? If yea, whether you know that she was married, and to whom, where, and when? and specifie her name also, and from whence she came.

25 Whether haue any in your Parish received or harbored any woman gotten with child out of wedlocke, and suffered them againe to depart without penance first inflicted upon them by their Ordinary? You shall truly present as well the party harbouring as harboured, and all that helped to convey them or her away? And who is suspected to haue committed adultery or fornication with her?

26 Whether the parties offending in any of your Parishes in the sinne of fornication, adultery, or incest, bawdry, or keeping of a bawdy house, or vehemently suspected of these or any other Ecclesiastical offences, haue for them, or any one of them beeþe presented since the Lord Bishop of London his last visitation, to any Commissary, Archdeacon, or his Officiale, their Surrogates or Deputies: and whether for such their offences they haue done publike penance before the congregation in their owne Parish Church in time of divine Service? And if any so presented haue not done such penance, what be their names, what the offence was? and of what Parish they then were of, and where they, or any one of them doe now remaine and dwelle?

27 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of many parishes, to now returned again? or in what place else is he or she now abiding; as you know, or haue heard? And whether he or she hath done any penance; and in that

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what penance, or else escaped without penance? and by what & whose meanes? You shall present the whole truth in that behalfe.

28 Whether there be any person or persons Ecclesiastical or Temporal, within your Parish, or else where within this Diocesse, that haue retained and kept in their custody, or that reade, sell, utter, disperte, carrie, or deliver to others, any English or Latine Bookes, or Libels, set forth or printed, either on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries, against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiastical, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, error or heresie, against true religion and catholike doctrine, now publikely professed in this Church, or the government or discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realme received, and established by common authority, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and surnames are?

29 Whether there be any in your Parish who are knowne or suspected to conceale or keepe hid in their houses, any Mass-booke, Possettes, Breuaries, or other Bookes of Popery or superstition: or any Chalices, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition vncancelled or vndefaced, which is to be conjectured they keepe for a day as they call it?

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, which heretofore being popish Recusants & Sectaries, haue since conformed themselves, and come to Church to heare Divine Service, and receiuie the Sacrament: If yea, then who they are, and how long sithence haue they so conformed themselves? And whether do they still abide in that conformity?

31 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proued, or goods of the dead dying intestate left unadministred by the authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe: And whether any possesse the goods of any person deceased, without authority from the Ordinary? You shall not fail to present the Executors, and all others laulty & culpable therein.

32 What person or persons do you know that haue dyed in your parish since the Lord Bishops last Visitation, that had goods or debts in other parts of the Dioces of London out of the Jurisdiction in which the party dyed or that dyed in any other Archdeanstry or Jurisdiction of this Dioces, & had goods in your Parish: and whether the Executor to such person or any other, meddled with such deceased goods by authority of the Commissary or Archdeacones Officiall, and not by the authority of the Lord Bishop of London or his Chancellor?

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33. Is there any Legacy given to the Church, or to other good and godly uses, as relief of the Poore Orphans, Poore Schollars, Poore Maydens in marriages, Schollars, High wayes, and such like, which is not yet performed? If there be any such, you shal present what you know or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed.

34. Whether any of your Parishioners having a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receive the holy Communion at his hands for the same respect? And whether any other Minister hath received to the Communion any of your Parishioners, and specifie the names both of the Minister and Parishioner. And whether doe any in your Parish refuse to haue children baptiz'd in your parish Church, according to the forme prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer?

35. Whether there be any Inne-keepers, Ale-wines, Victuallers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons into their houses to eate, drinke or play at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowles, or such like games, in the time of Common Prayer or Sermons on Sundays or Holy dayes?

36. Whether haue you any Butchers or others, that commonly use to sell meat or other things in the time of Common Prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies?

37. Whether any Markets or selling of wares be used or suffered in any Church-yards on the Sabbath day by common Packmen and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers, or others?

38. Whether there be any in your Parish, who wil come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer, appointed by the Booke of Common prayer, making a schisme or division (as it were) betwene the use of publike Prayer and Preaching?

39. Whether there be any who being present at publike prayer, doe not devoutly and humbly kneels vpon their knes, at such times as by the Booke of Common prayer they are appointed: to wit, when they make a generall Confession of their sinnes, when all prayers and Collects are read, in the time of the Letany, when the tenne Commandments are read, and at the receiving of the holy Communion, &c. And what be their names?

40. Whether there be any married women or others within your parish, which after childbirthe refuse, contemne or neglect to come to the Church to give God thanks for their safe delivery, and so haue the pray-

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ers publikely appointed on that behalfe by the Booke of Common pray-
er to be vsed:

41 Whether any doe keepe their Children unbaptized longer then
is conuenient, unlesse that it be for the sicknesse of the Childe, or other
urgent occasion?

42 Whether any do carrie their Child or Children from the parish
they are borne, into other parishes to be baptiz'd, and so refuse their
owne parish? And to what other parish: and who baptiz'd any child or
children so carried from your parish: and whose child was it?

43 Whether any doe bring strange Ministers into their owne
houses to baptize their children privately according to their owne fan-
tasies, or receive any child or children borne elsewhere, to be baptiz'd in
your parish? If you know any such, then who received any such, and
whose childe or children were so baptiz'd: and what was the name
of the child, and who baptiz'd it? And whether you know of your own
knowledge that the parents were married together, and where, when,
and by whom?

44 Whether doe you know, or haue heard, of any Patron or Aduou-
sor in your parish that haue made a gaine by any colour, deceipt, or
symonaicall pact, in bestowing his Benefice for gaine: for, or receiving
money or promise of the Lease of the whole part, or by reserving his
owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe or any other?

45 What Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles for poore people haue
you in your Parish, that are not of the foundation or patronage of the
King: & who was the founder or patron thereof: And whether the said
Almes-houses, Hospitals, or Spittles in your Parish being vnder our
rule and gouernance, be well and godly vsed, according to the founda-
tions and ancient ordinances of the same, and whether there be any o-
ther placed in them then poore, impotent, and nedye persons, that haue
not wherewith or whereby to liue?

46 How many Midwives haue you in your parish which doe exer-
cise that office, how long they haue so done, and by what authority: and
what be their names? Of what skill are they accounted to bee of in
their office and vocation?

47 How many haue you in your Parish that doe practise as Phy-
sicians or Chyurjions, and are so reputed: How long they haue so
done, by what authority, of what skill are they accounted to bee of in
their profession?

48 Haue you any in your Parish, which haue vsed any enchant-
ments,

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ments, Sorcery, Witchcrafts, or Incantations, which are not made Felony by the Statutes of this Realme, or any Charmes; which do resort to any such for helpe or Counsell?

49 Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognisance worthy the presentment in your judgement, heretofore in these Articles not exprested, and which is fit to be reserved in Ecclesiasticall censure? If you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oaths?

Admonition.

First, so that in great Parishes, where divers doe come in great multitudes to receine the Communion, wheresome doe stand Excommunicate: To avoid this inconuenience in every parish, the Minister and Churchwardens shall keepe a Booke of all Excommunications brought vnto them, and from what Court, and of the day, month, and yeare it was received; and of the parties names so excommunicated, and for what cause, and of the day, month, and yeare of the Denunciation, and likewise of the Absolution, to the end that all persons may be drawn to conforrnity, and more admitted to be partakers of Common Prayer and the Sacraments, who do stand Excommunicate, when they offer themselves ready to receiuē the same.

That in the like of Divine Service and Sermons, all persons behave themselves reverently and attentively, and that all men doe sit and continue vncouered, with their Hats off, the whole time of Divine Service and Prayers.

That from time to time diligent inquirie be made what children are borne in every Parish, and where, when, and by whom every child is Baptized, And if in case of necessity any Child or Children be found to be baptizē privately in any house, that vpon due Certificate therof, the same shall be published in their owne parish Church where the Childe or Children were borne, the next Sunday after notice thereof is taken, that vpon such necessitie the said Child or Children were so Baptized, and that rightly, that the parish may take notice thereof.

And concerning your Transcript of the names of all persons Baptized, Marries, or buried, you shall obserue the forme prescribed in the Booke of Articles ministered in the last trienniall Visitation of the Lord Bishop of London, viz Anno 1624.

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At the delivery of your Bill of Presentment, at the time and place above set downe, you are likewise in the said Bill, to set downe the names of all such as haue bene Buried at any time since the day of July last past, 1627. being Men, Maids, or Widdowes: and likewise the Minister, Churchwardens, and Sidemen of every parish, must in the end of the said Bill of Presentment, set downe beside their presenting, which they make of all Recusants and non-Communicants, this Note following.

Recusants men. _____ }
Recusants women. _____ }
Non-Communicants of both sex. _____ }
Communicants of both sex in the whole Parish. }

So setting downe the number of every one, the Minister, Church-wardens and Sidemen must put their hands to this Note.